GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister attended the International Conference on water in Japan recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held in the Conference;

(c) the countries which participated in the Conference; and

(d) the decision taken in the Conference?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Representative of 167 countries and 43 International Organizations participated in the Ministerial Conferenceheld on the occasion of Third World Water Forum from 16th to 23rd March, 2003 held in Kyoto, Osaka and Shiga, Japan. Indiandelegation, which participated in the Conference, was led by Shri Arjun Charan Sethi, Union Minister for Water Resources.

(d) During the conference, two Ministerial Declarations were adopted. The Irrigation Ministers meet adopted recommendationson 'Water, Food and Agriculture' on 21 March, 2003 at Shiga,Japan. The Ministers-in charge of Water Resources held discussions during 22-23 March, 2003 at Kyoto on five major theme namelySafe Drinking Water and Sanitation, Water for Food and Rural Development, Water Pollution Prevention and Ecosystem Conservation, Disaster Mitigation and Risk Managementand Water Resources Management and Benefit Sharing. Ministerial Declarations adoptedduring the conference are attached as Annexure I & II respectively.